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MEMORANDUM

TO: Debbie Harmon
Clerk of Court

FROM: George H. Corn 

DATE: October 2, 2007

cc: Dave Stenerson, Esq.

RE: Law and Motion Calendar

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Dear Debbie:

I am writing this memo on behalf of the County Attorney's office and the Public Defender's office in Hamilton. Both offices have noticed a tendency for the Law and Motion Calendar to be provided later and later through out the respective days of Tuesday and Wednesday of each week. For example, the afternoon calendar of Wednesday, September 19, 2007, was not received by either office until approximately 4:15 p.m. This is disruptive to both offices and importantly, makes law and motion less productive as well.

For example, it leaves my office only a very short time to arrange files for Court the next day, but more importantly, it only leaves us 45 minutes in the day to make contact with other attorneys, witnesses and officers who may need to be in court the next morning. The Public Defender's office is faced with the same challenges and additionally must visit the jail to confer with clients and have clients execute documents in some cases. Cases have to be continued if our offices do not have enough time to deal with these matters.

Traditionally, the law and motion calendar has been available as early as 10:00 a.m. and never later than noon. We have heard from some of your clerks that perhaps the holdup is that your office is waiting for cases to be deleted or added. We would suggest you could do the same thing by simply emailing deletions or additions after sending out the prospective draft.

If you wish to discuss this further both Dave and I would be happy to do so. Again, our intent is to make Law and Motion productive as well as address the needs of our prospective clients. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

GHC:hs

bcc: DC Judge
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